

Personnel 10-5

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Jury Duty

1. During the period 1 January 1955 through 30 June 1955 thirty-three employees of CIA have served at least one session of jury duty. In this same period the Office of General Counsel has requested excuses from jury duty for five employees. Only one of these requests was refused by the court.

2. In addition to the above excuses one Agency employee has had his name removed from the District of Columbia jury rolls after a hearing before the jury commission. The hearing was held on the initiative of the commission and the permanent excuse was granted after the commission had determined that his Agency service was as much in the national interest as jury service.

3. We believe that the percentage of employees for whom official requests for excuses have been made is small enough to reflect favorably upon the Agency, especially when consideration is given to the unpredictable work loads and critical sensitive problems which many components must cope with. In addition the number of requests that OGC seek jury duty excuses for employees has decreased noticeably in recent months. This showing indicates increasing compliance on the part of both employees and supervisors with the spirit and letter of Agency policy that excuses from jury service will be requested only for compelling security or operational reasons.

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